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THE DORSEY-HALL HOUSE
Lisbon
Private

Circa 1859

The Dorsey-Hall house faces south on the north side of Route 144, two houses east of the Old Lisbon Hotel. It is a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in flemish bond and English garden wall brick bond) structure, with wide brick chimney inset into its west wall. The first floor apertures of its south facade have been altered and two bays have been added in frame to its east wall in perfect unity of scale with the brick house and under an extension of its gabled roof. A one story high, hipped roof, open porch is centered along the south facade of the brick house and its frame addition, which have both been painted white to create a well integrated appearance.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Dist. 4

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Dorsey - Hall Brick House, S. + C

AND/OR COMMON

The Bidinger House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lot #14, and part of 63 and 64 Frederick Road (MD 144)

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. H. C. Bidinger, Sr.

Telephone #: 489-4749

STREET & NUMBER

115944 Route 144

Maryland 21765

CITY, TOWN

Lisbon

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 7, p. 187
Hall of Records

Liber #: 232

Folio #: 360

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dorsey-Hall House is located on the north side of Route 144 some 700 feet east of its intersection with Woodbine Road.

It is a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west), brick (laid in flemish bond on the south wall and English garden wall brick bond on the remainder walls) house with wide corbeled brick chimney inset into its west wall.

The south facade has been altered. There are evidences of first floor splayed brick lintels under the second floor windows in the second west bay and the first and second east bay. One original rectangular window remains in the first west bay, decorated with a splayed brick, flat arched lintel, projecting wooden sill and green wooden shutters.

The windows were originally vertically aligned and proportionally scaled with a rectangular cross paneled entrance door in the second east bay surmounted by a splayed brick flat arched lintel. Today the first floor holds 1) a window between the original second west bay and second east bay, 2) a rectangular cross paneled entrance, surmounted by a four light transom, in the east bay just east of the original window which has been bricked in, and 3) the original window in the first west bay.

A four light horizontal rectangular basement window is located on the west side of the house, decorated with a stretcher brick flat arched lintel.

The west wall of the brick house holds a single four light attic window decorated with a flat header brick lintel and projecting wooden sill.

Along the entire east wall of the brick house has been added a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west, continuing the roof line of the brick house eastward) frame addition constructed on a stone foundation. The south wall of this addition holds two vertically aligned, rectangular, double-hung windows with two-over-two lights, decorated with projecting wooden sills and green wooden shutters. A three light, horizontally rectangular basement window rests in the stone foundation of this wall which holds a central, one story high, open, hipped roof porch, supported by four doric wooden columns with five central steps leading to its landing. The east wall of the frame addition holds a central corbeled brick chimney and one four light attic window south of the chimney. A cellar door rests on the north side of this wall.

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A two story high, one bay wide, one bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame addition resting on a cinder block foundation, with square exterior brick chimney on its north wall, extends northward from the north wall of the early frame addition. It holds a first and second floor, rectangular, double-hung window, each holding six-over-six lights, on its east wall with two similar first and second floor windows on its north wall.

The north wall of the brick house holds two second floor double-hung rectangular windows with six-over-six lights and along the north wall beneath a one story high shed roofed addition which connects the west wall of addition three with the east wall of addition two (See figure 2) which extends from the west bay of the north wall of the brick house. It is a two story high, one bay wide, one room deep gabled roof (running north-south) frame addition with square brick corbeled chimney (similar to that of the early frame east addition) centered into its north wall.

Two small one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame sheds lie north of the house.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1859

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dorsey-Hall House is significant historically and architecturally.

Architecturally, it is significant as one of five brick houses, which all are located on the north side of Route 144. It appears that after Caleb Pancoast built the frame house, now a north wing of the Old Lisbon Hotel, extensive development occurred on the south side of Route 144 and on the north side of Route 144, west of Madison Street, now called Woodbine Road. When the railroad came through the area in the mid 1830's, Lisbon became popular as a summer resort. By 1832 the Presbyterian Manse on the northwest corner of Route 144 and Madison Street was constructed and in all probability the other four brick houses in Lisbon were constructed shortly thereafter. By August 3, 1859 the house owned by Ann Dorsey of Washington, D.C. had been erected and was sold to Andrew Mercer for \$800. (20-325)

The house stayed in the Mercer family and later came into the hands of John P. Hall of Baltimore City on April 26, 1872. (31-491) He evidently rented the house to a Mr. John for the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 notes it as the residence of Mr. Hall. By May 21, 1884, Mr. Hall had made his residence in Washington, D.C. and sold the house to Nicholas Henderson, who turned it over within five months to Sarah Ann Hook on October 8, 1884 for \$1,000 (48-540). It is presently owned by Mrs. Bidinger who maintains the brick house and its surrounding land with the utmost care and attention.

It is in its architecture, however, that the house is most significant. Four bays wide, it is possible that it was 1) a duplex or 2) a rather luxurious summer home. Though one bay wider than its two neighbors to the west and the Lisbon Female School to its east, it is smaller in scale than the Presbyterian Manse which is also four bays wide. The stylistic detail in the stretcher brick flat arched lintels over the scaled and once vertically aligned windows (see figure 1) is similar to that found on the other four brick houses, leading to a belief that all were constructed between the years 1832 and 1859. An earlier date is more probable for the romanesque and gothic revival in American domestic architecture was ushered in during the 1860's. These brick homes in Lisbon were more than likely completed by 1840.

It is, however, the scale and proportions of the Ann Dorsey House which lend it a distinction and charm which singles it out as a valuable architectural landmark. Even the frame addition on its east wall as well as the alteration of its first floor apertures cannot detract from this singularity. This is due to the fact that the frame addition is built to conform and continue the south facade's

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scale, regularity and stylistic detail. The material alone differs and this is offset by painting both the brick house and its frame addition white, creating a central entrance and adding a central, hipped roof open porch on this facade.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCESH0-228
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Howard County Land Records
Hopkins Atlas of 1878
Martenet's Map of 1860

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

See attachments three and four.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records

Liber: 232
Folio: 360

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Figure 1
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The Dorsey-John House
Sketch of Original South Facade
of Original Brick House
Cleora Thompson, AIP

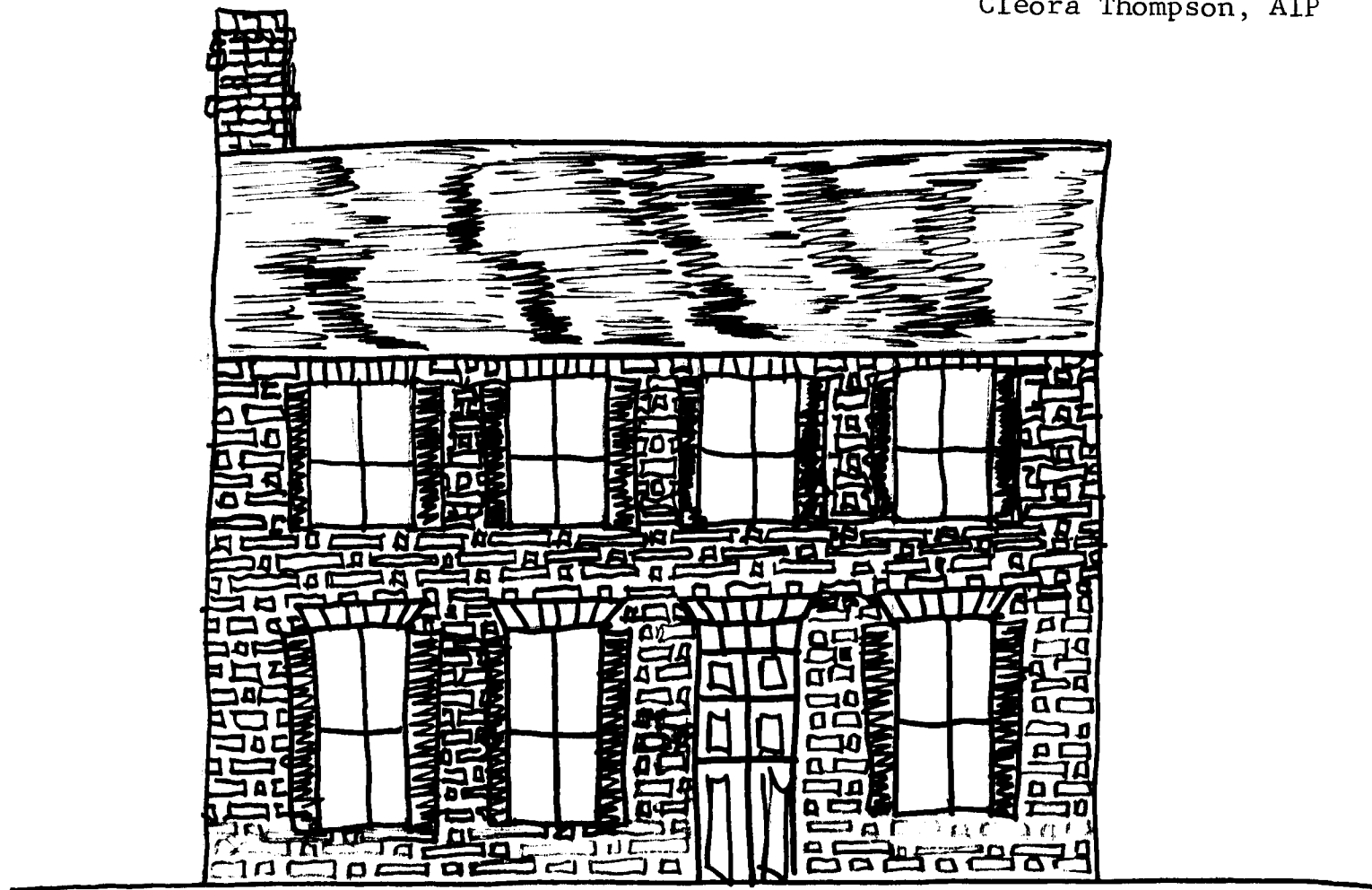
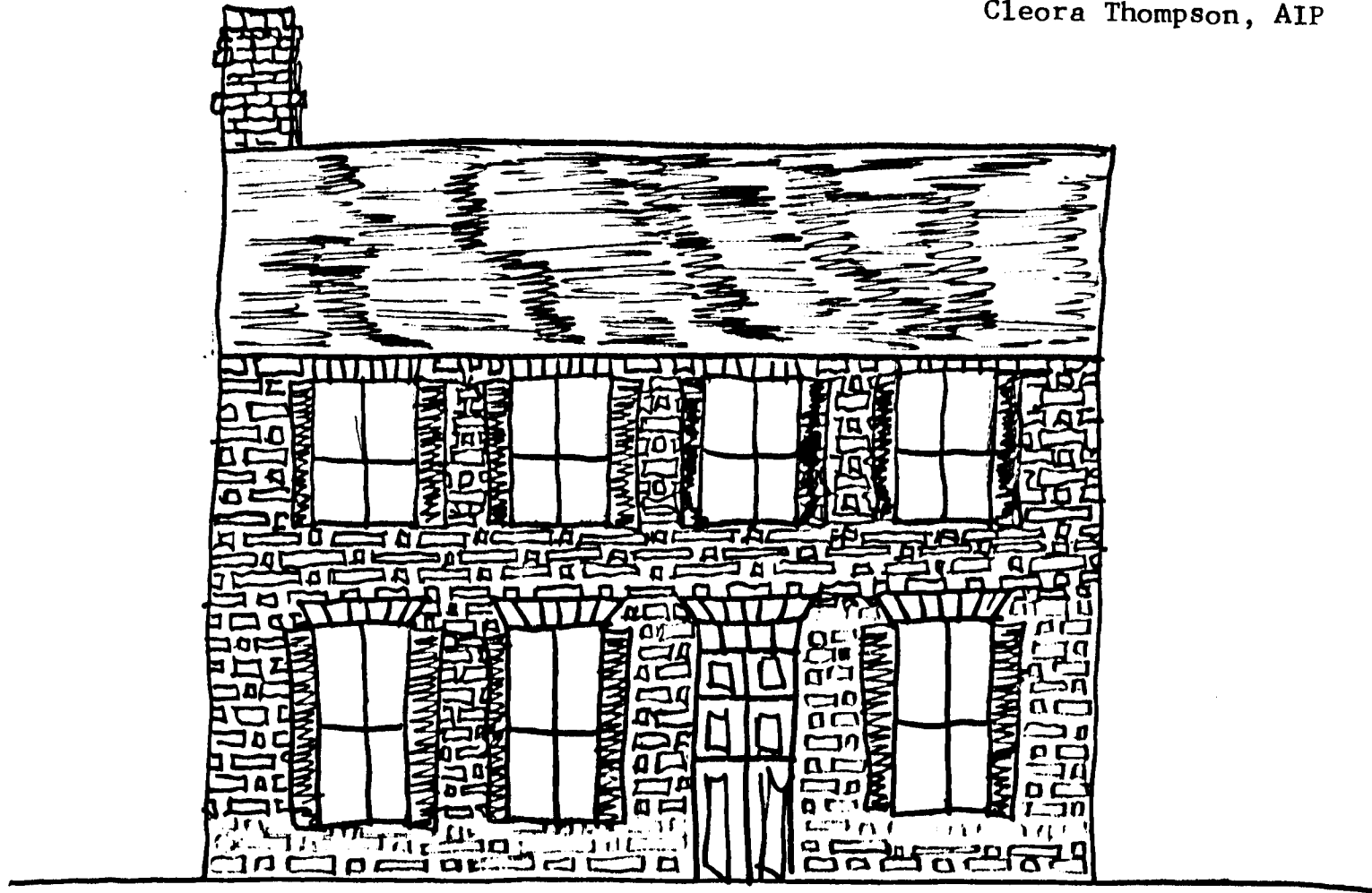


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square brick chimney

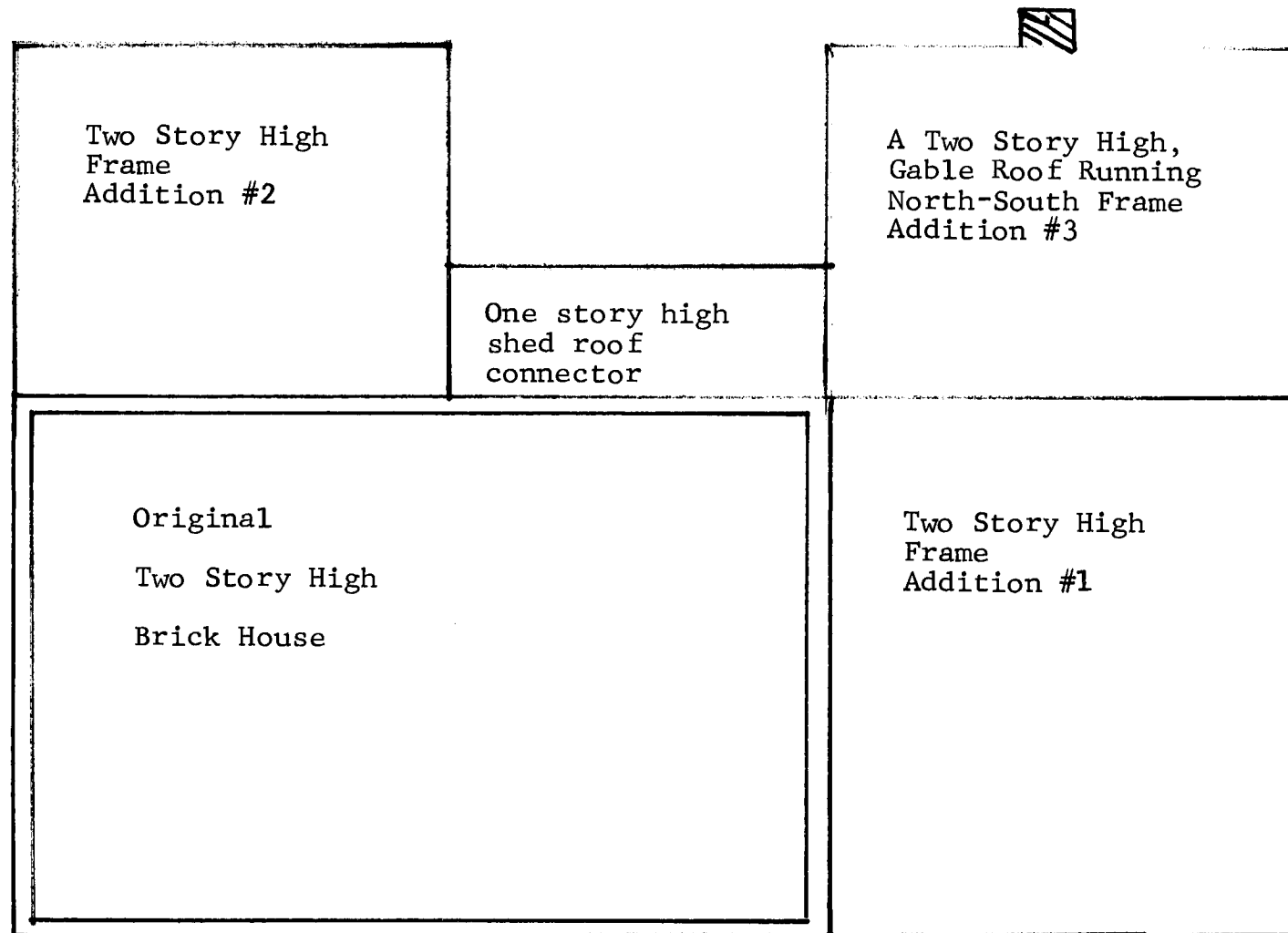


Figure 2
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The Dorsey-John House
Plan of Brick House
with Additions

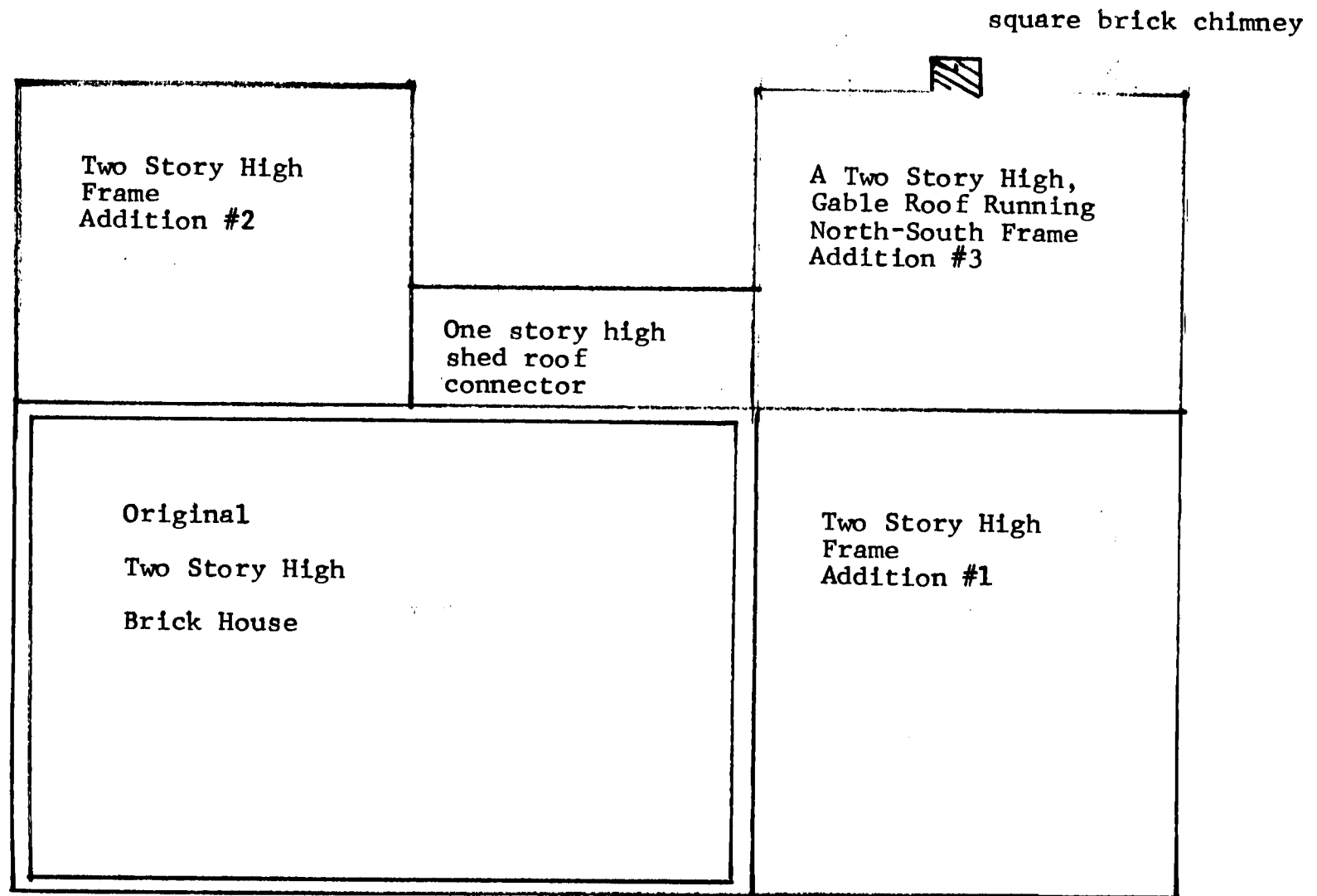
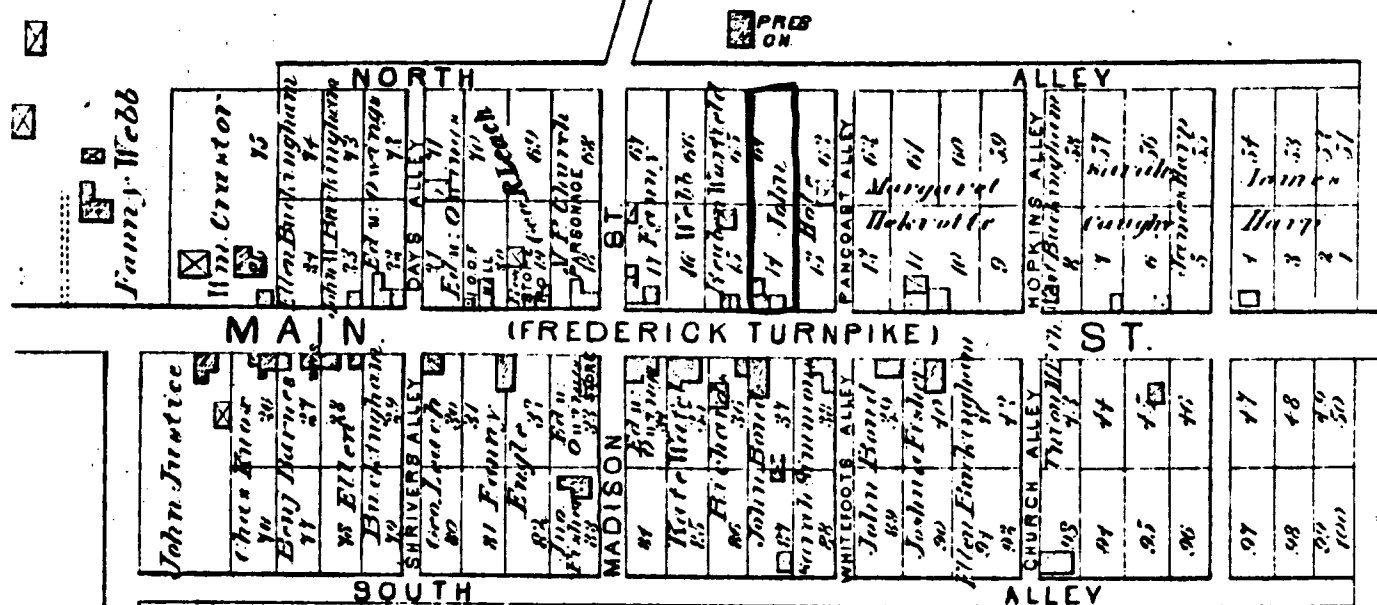


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Attachment 4
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The Dorsey-John House
Martenet's Map of 1878

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Scale 300 feet per inch

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Hopkins, Atlas of Howard County, 1878

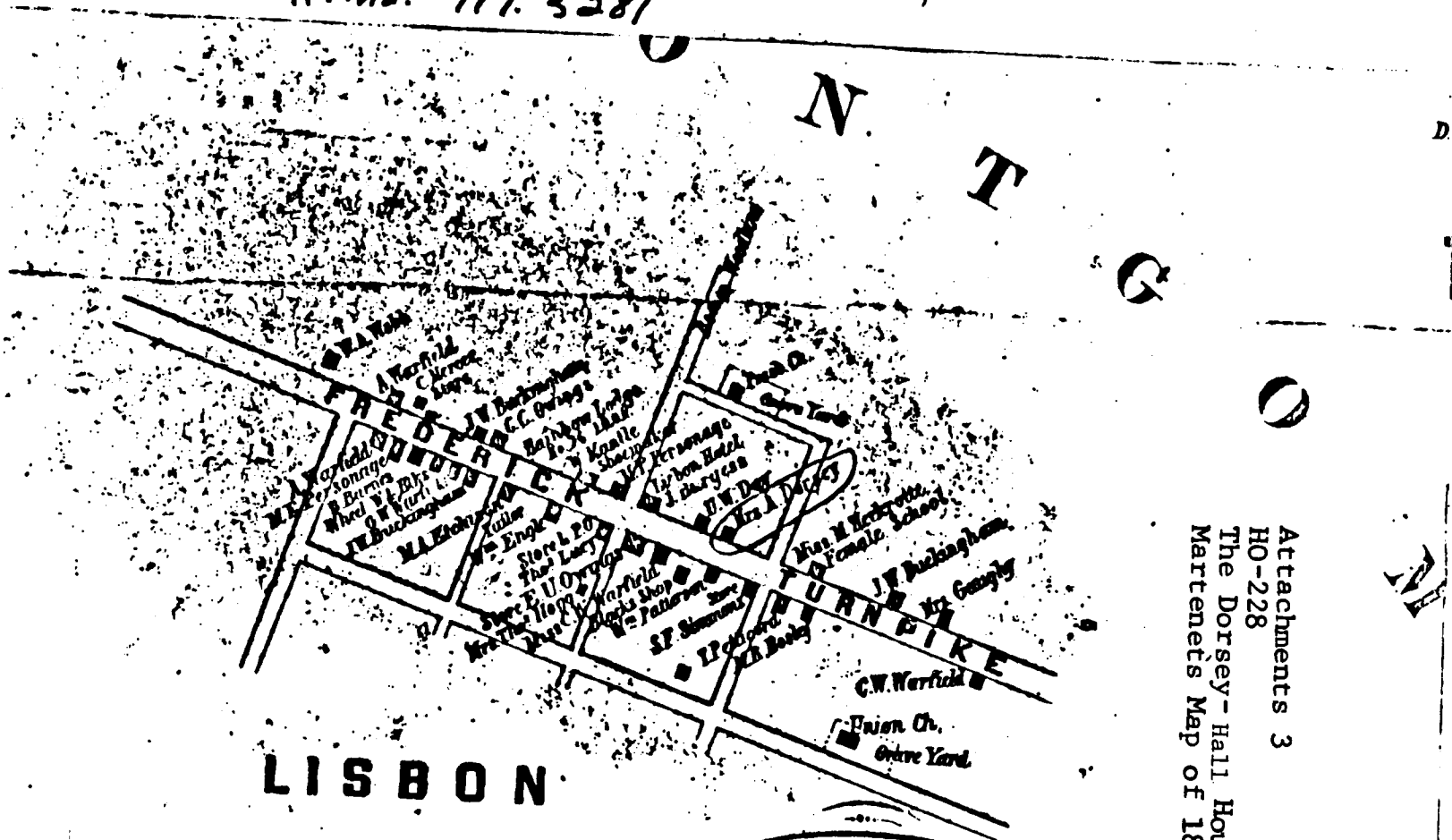
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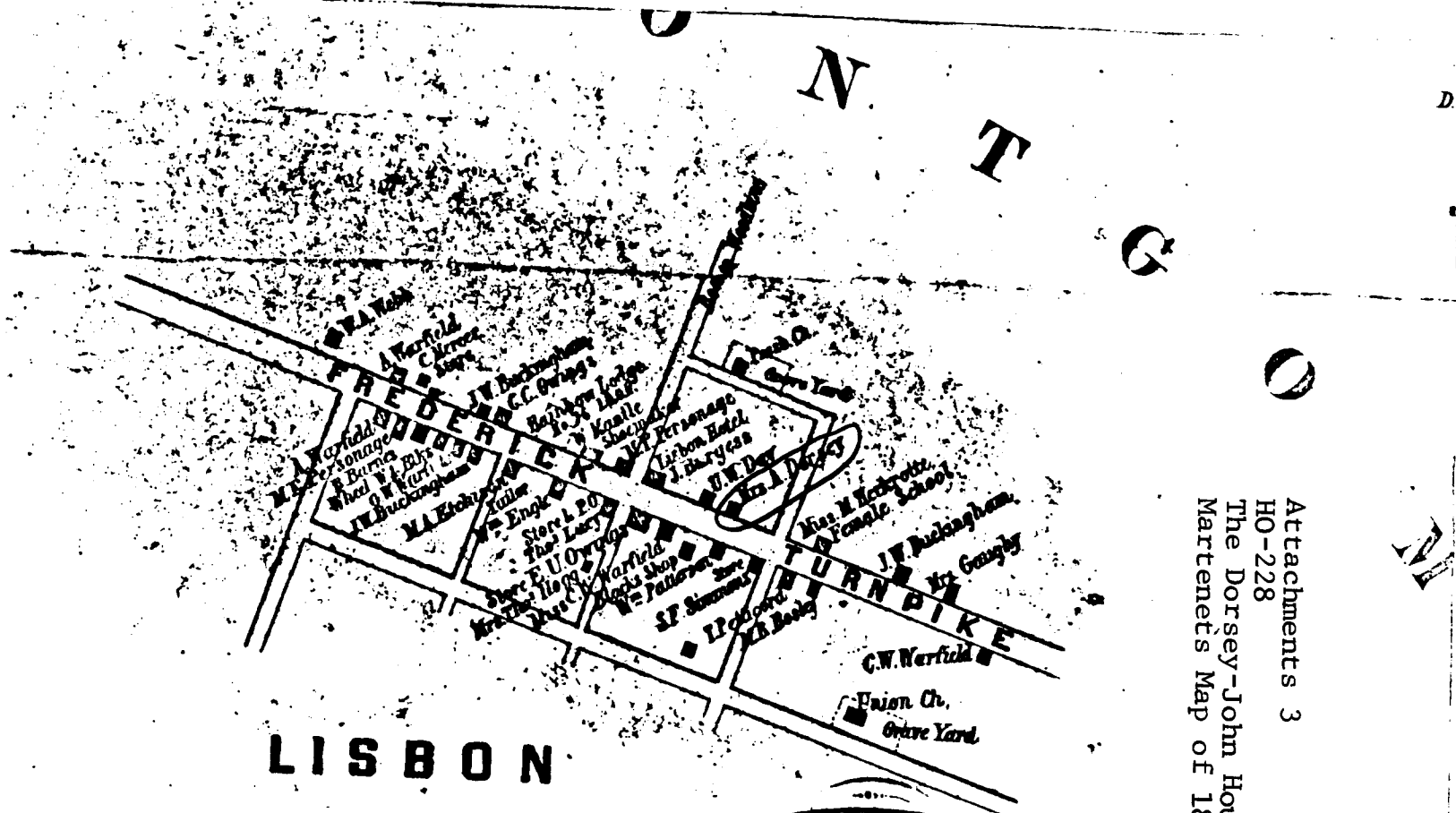


Attachments 3
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The Dorsey-Hall House
Martene's Map of 1860

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J. WARREN
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HENRY H.
HIPSLEY
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ZDAWIS
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CHAS. SHOUFFER & WP
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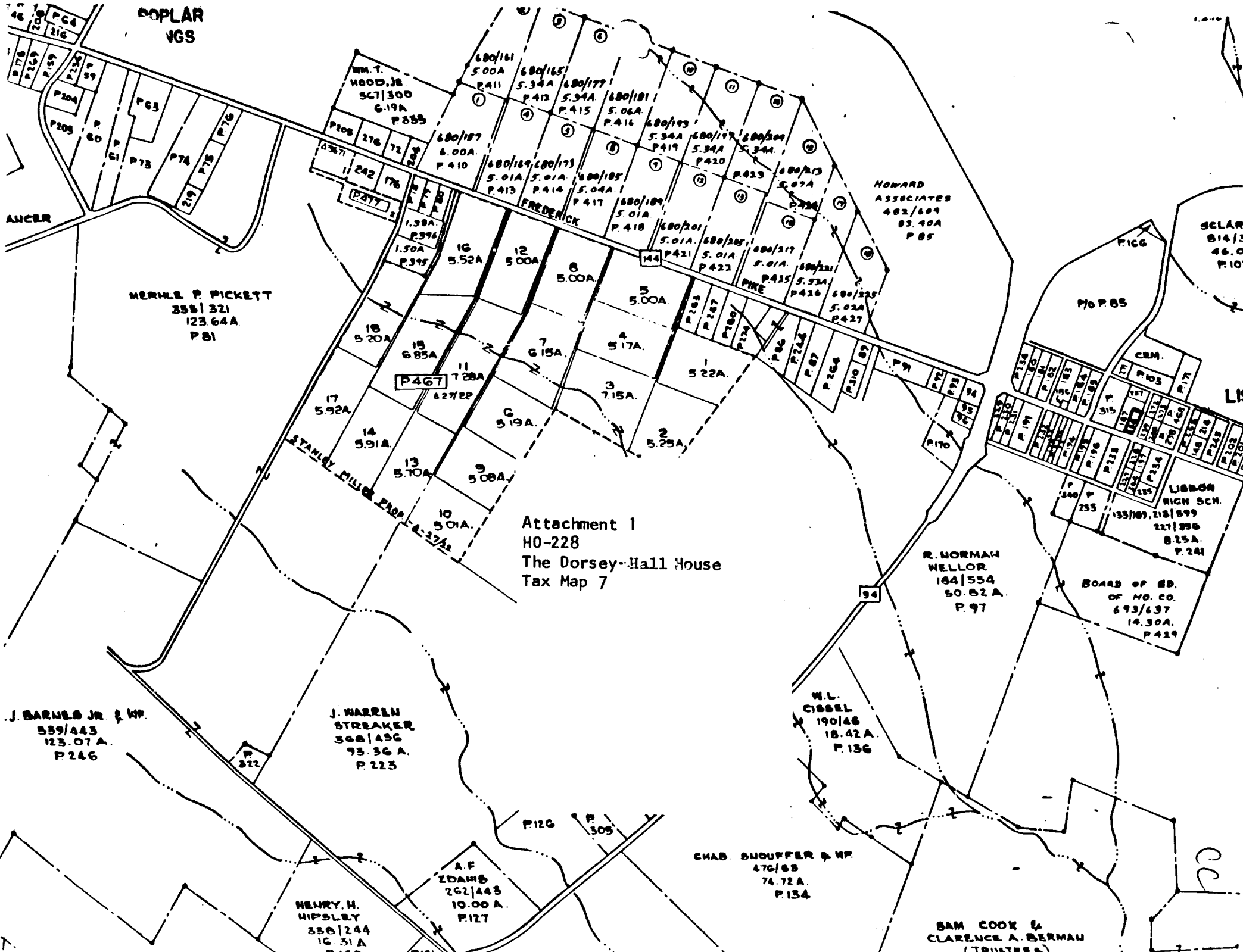
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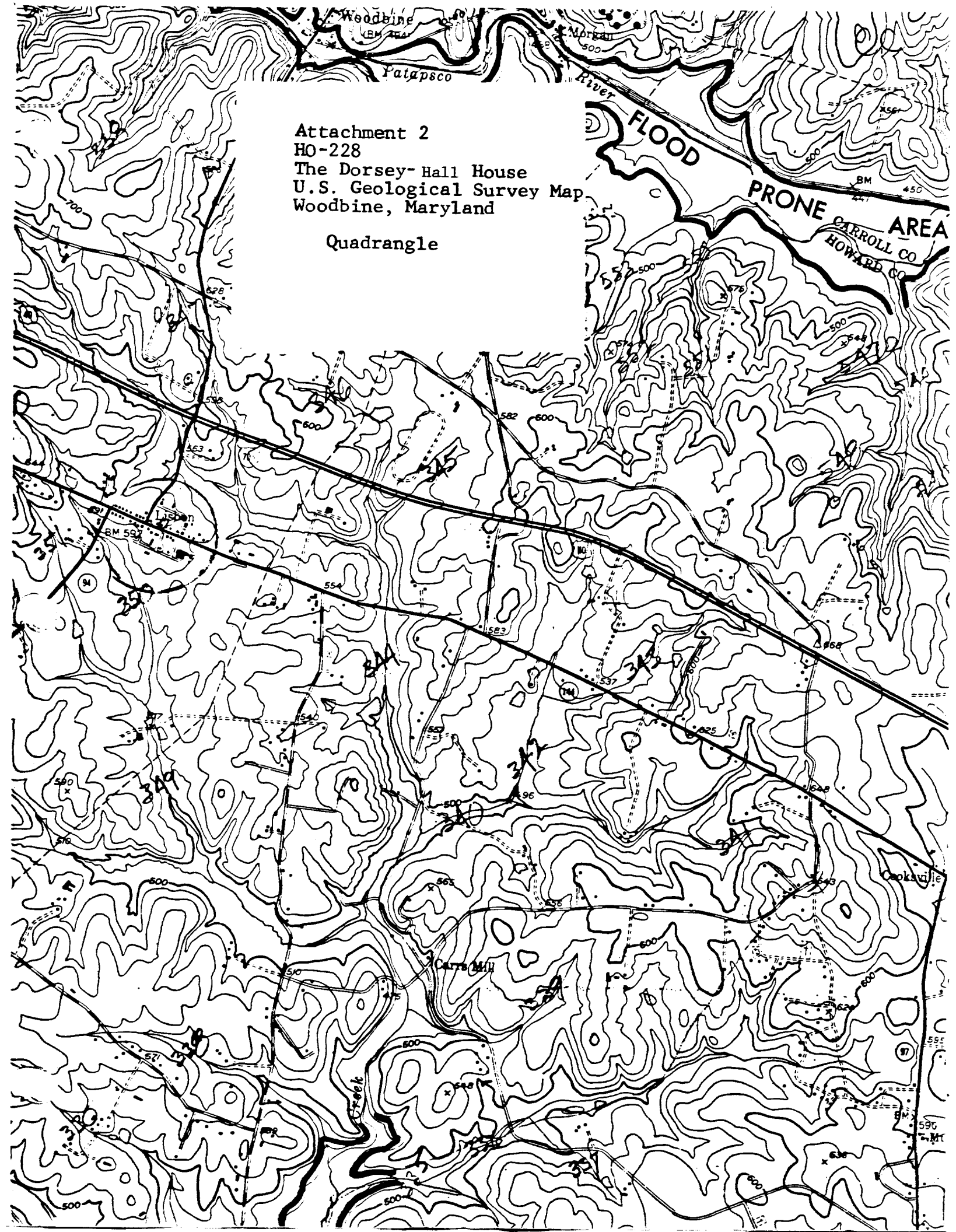
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U.S. Geological Survey Map
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Quadrangle



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